

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, DECEMBER 1, 2004
GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

WORK SESSION

Councilor Belden called to order the work session at 6:05:41. President Belden announced the work session is for discussion of Hamilton County's obligations, direction, and to hear proposals regarding EMS.

Mr. John Culp, Council Attorney, stated that due to his representation of Riverview Hospital, Town of Cicero, and the Hamilton County Council, he finds it necessary to recuse himself from this project.

Christine Altman [6:07:03]

E911 Committee met and discussed concerns the County has due to Westfield's proposal to go on their own providing Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) and the loss of that run revenue. Sheridan, Jackson Township, Wayne and White River are currently serviced by Riverview EMS.

If Riverview steps away from running the paramedic program, which is their desire, the intent is for the county to contract with a reliable source that will provide the service. A Request for Proposal (RFP) would be sent to the established fire companies within the county to see if they would staff the positions necessary to cover Sheridan, Jackson Township, Wayne and White River, this is the equivalent of three full time paramedics. Fire departments historically respond 80% to EMS or Basic Life Support calls and 20% to fire, so it's the natural progression of providing both services with cross trained personnel on duty.

John Culp stated the Board of Trustees at Riverview are reviewing this and will be meeting the end of December and indicated if the Council and Commissioners desire the Trustees would be willing to hold a special joint meeting.

Work session adjourned at [6:52:42]

REGULAR SESSION

Councilor Belden called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:08:10 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilors, Rick McKinney, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, Jim Belden, John Hiatt, Steve Schwartz and Jim Wallace. Auditor Robin Mills and Chief Deputy Auditor, Dawn Coverdale, and Sheriff, Doug Carter. A quorum was declared.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilor McKinney.

[7:09:44] Councilor Schwartz moved to approve minutes of November 13, 2004. Councilor McKinney seconded motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS [7:09:56] None

COMMISSIONER REPORT [7:10:30] Commissioner Altman stated:

Commissioners met again last week with the Humane Society and the Spay/Neuter folks and reviewed a revised plan for the animal control building. Cripe has presented reconfiguration with L-shape building. Humane Society expressed concerns about sharing facility. Consensus of Commissioners that until we have a handle on the spay neuter issue we will never solve animal control and we believe it's a function of that building. The designer was asked to look at minimal changes to the design. Believe project can be brought in on remaining budget. Hope to

make design decision on December 13, 2004 and proceed with putting together bid documents and have it ready for spring construction. Solid Waste Board has advertised to repay the County the funds advanced for the operation of the Household Hazardous Waste facility. Carmel will also receive their reimbursement. Requested approval of the 144 Amendment for reorganization of Emergency Management in 2005. Commissioners are asking for a resolution to increase legal support for county business by \$40,000. The county's needs have far exceeded the current attorney's ability under the existing contract. The County attorney has committed to hire a qualified associate to devote to county affairs.

[7:23:29] Councilor McKinney made a motion to resolve to approve additional \$40,000 for Commissioners in Legal Expense. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT [7:23:50]

President: Councilor Belden thanked fellow councilors for their assistance and help during his absence.

Vice President: Councilor Hiatt asked that business from work session be completed.

[7:24:20] Councilor Levine made a motion to resolve that the council commit to a joint RFP for Paramedic Services and the council agree to appropriate up to \$500 for an independent attorney to draft the proposal. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Highway: No meeting

Finance [7:25:50] Councilor Carter

Councilor Carter and Jeff Burt met with Bell-Horne regarding a request for a three year real property tax abatement in Mayflower Park (96th & Michigan Rd). Mr. Culp discussed the procedures for abatement with Jeff Burt.

Councilor Carter stated Bell-Horne is looking for some direction as to whether they should proceed with request, if the Council would even consider the abatement.

Councilor Carter will contact Mr. Burt and tell him Bell-Horne can petition the Council for consideration of the abatement at the January meeting.

Councilor Carter stated someone else can set on the Behavior Corporation board.

TV Committee [7:36:13]

Councilor Schwartz stated the committee has met and will meet again in January prior to the Council meeting on January 19th.

Councilor McKinney said they are trying to get bids of interested parties.

Personnel: No meeting

UNFINISHED/TABLED BUSINESS [7:37:33]

Councilor Hiatt moved to untable 2005 144 Voter Registration Amendment. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Culp stated he reviewed state statute Title III which requires a voter registration board be created when the county population reaches 125,000. Each party chairman appoints their respective board member. Each appointee

reports to the party chairman but is an employee of the county and receive all benefits the county offers.

Councilor Carter moved to approve 144 amendment to Voter Registration. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-1) with Councilor McKinney against.

NEW BUSINESS

Additional, Transfers and Amend Form 144

[7:43:51] Councilor McKinney moved to approve Resolution 12-01-04-1 "A Resolution Concerning The Purchase Of Real Estate For The Bridge #110 Project. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:44:42] Councilor Carter moved to approve contract for Michael R. Reuter Consulting Services, Inc. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:45:07] Councilor Schwartz moved to approve contract for Council Attorney, Mr. John Culp. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:45:30] Councilor Levine moved to approve letter of support for Enhancement Grant Strawtown Koteewi Property Archaeological Work. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:46:15] Councilor Carter moved to approve Court Administration transfer of \$1,934.80 from Computer & Terminal Maintenance 101.018.000.3003 to Furniture & Fixtures 101.018.000.4001. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:47:21] Councilor Levine moved to approve Drainage Board transfer of \$3,000 from Drainage Board Per Diem 101.021.000.1000 to Phase 2 Supplement 101.021.000.3851. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:47:55] Councilor Carter moved to approve Election additional of \$7,000 in Office Supplies 101.023.000.2001, transfer of \$6,000 from Ballot Strips 101.023.000.3506 to General Election Workers 101.023.000.1007 and transfer of \$765 from Primary Election Workers 101.023.000.1006 to Absentee Voters Board 101.023.000.1005. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:48:38] Councilor Levine moved to approve Emergency Management 144 Amendment of Direction of Administration 101.024.000.1001 at \$62,500 and Director of Operations 101.024.000.1002 at \$39,312. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:49:48] Councilor Levine moved to approve Microfilm additional of \$1,300 in office supplies 101.029.000.2001. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:50:28] Councilor Wallace moved to approve Sheriff 144 Amendment of Legal Deputy/Legal Advisor at \$75,000. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion approved (7-0).

[7:50:51] Councilor McKinney moved to approve Sheriff transfer request of \$40,916 from J. Michael Howell 101.037.000.1037 to Overtime 101.037.000.1407. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:52:43] Councilor Levine moved to approve Probation transfer request of \$10,000 from Probation Officer 101.047.000.1004 to Overtime 101.047.000.1407. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:53:24] Councilor Levine moved to approve Surveyor transfer request of \$9,108.07 from Part Time 101.044.000.1300 \$3,550, Overtime

101.044.000.1407 \$2,600, Project Engineer 101.044.000.1016 \$207.85, and Receptionist 101.044.000.1018 \$2,750.22 to Phase II- Supplement 101.044.000.3851 \$9,108.07. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:54:10] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Delaware Township Assessor transfer request of \$51 from printing 101.056.000.3501 \$39 and postage 101.056.000.3601 \$12 to 101.056.000.4003 Office Machines. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:54:25] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Washington Township Assessor transfer request of \$400 from Postage 101.060.000.3601 to Supplies 101.060.000.2001. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:54:45] Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Fall Creek Township Assessor transfer request of \$1,600 from Contractual Services 101.065.000.3713 to Supplies 101.065.000.2001. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:55:14] Councilor McKinney moved to add Commissioner transfer request to agenda. Councilor Levine seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:56:58] Councilor Levine moved to approve Commissioner transfer request of \$200,000 from Retirement 101.011.000.1403 to Social Security 101.011.000.1401. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:56:40] Councilor Levine moved to approve E911 additional request of \$819,416 in 119.000.000.3822 Other Contracts. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Levine moved to approve E911 transfer request of \$2,339.19 from Telephone 119.000.000.3301 to Supplies 119.000.000.2001 \$1,102.12 and Travel 119.000.000.3604 \$1,237.07. Councilor Wallace seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Levine moved to approve E911 transfer request of \$819,416 from Other Contracts 119.000.000.3822 to 119.000.000.4009 Other Communication Equipment. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:59:29] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve transfer request of \$6,374 from Asst. Address Coordinator 119.000.000.1003 to Address Coordinator 119.000.000.1002. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0)

[8:00:15] Councilor Levine moved to approve Bond Fund transfer request of \$55,657 from Issuance Cost 172.000.000.3640 \$49,090.83 and Construction 172.000.000.3643 \$6,566.17 to Contract Maintenance 172.000.000.3715 \$5,657 and Communication Equipment 172.000.000.4009 \$50,000. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:05:36] Councilor Carter moved to approve Probation User Fees additional request of \$20,000 in 316.000.000.3704 Medical Services. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS

SHERIFF COMMENTS: None

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS 8:06:33

Auditor, Robin Mills thanked Councilor Wallace for his service and wished him the best.

Employee seminar/luncheon will be held December 22 at the fairgrounds.
County buildings will be closed from 11:30 to 1:30.

8:07:13 Councilor Levine announced the second annual telethon to help the Good Samaritan organization is this Saturday, December 4th on Channel 19.

Councilor Levine congratulated Councilor Schwartz for serving as Grand Marshall of the Noblesville Christmas Parade.

[8:08:50] Councilor Hiatt moved to adjourn meeting. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Those present:

- Diana Lamirand, Noblesville Ledger
R. David Bice, EMA
BJ Casali, ISS
Larry Stout, ISS
Tammy Baitz, Clerk
Teena Nethery, Riverview
EMS
Pat Gull, Riverview EMS
Joyce Wood, Riverview
Pat Toschlog, Voter Registration
Eliot Graham, Fun
Rachel Haaser, HSE
Kellie Dresselhaus, School
Debi Bice, Public Interest
Ellie O’Neal, HSE
Heather Elson, School
Mallory Marty, HSE
Not Legible
Stephen Durham, HSE
Lauren Hermes, HSE
Dennis DePriest, HSE
Kyle McLaurin, HSE
Quentis Jones, HSE
Jill Jennings, HCSD
Not Legible
Mary Ray
Steven Peachey, Cicero Fire
Keith Clock
Julian Stephenson
Sean Ricketts
Chris Davis
Polly Pearce, Court Adm
Thomas Burke
Jessica Wohrie
Mike Baker,
Jackson Twp
Fire
- Ashley (not legible), School